

GOVERNMENT GRIST

FROM THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS.

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Auditor's Recommendations.

The Interior department issued 151 pension certificates Wednesday.

The national bank notes received for redemption Wednesday amounted to \$23,000.

The Treasury department received the 15th call delivered at the Treasury to date is \$1,429,000.

The amount of 3½ per cent bonds exchanged for 3 per cent, since November 1 is \$19,750,000.

John D. Long, secretary of the Soldiers Home, Wednesday engaged in preparing his message to Congress. He is expected to visit the White House tomorrow.

Supervising Inspector-General James A. Dumont, his annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1901, was submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very interesting statistics of the revenue of the service.

John W. Foster, of New York, who has been in the city for several days, had a lengthy interview with Secretary Folger at the Treasury department, during the course of which they were joined by Secretary of War Taft.

“meritorious reason,” that B. F. Pritchard, of Washington, D. C., be no longer recognized as an attorney in the prosecution of any claim or other matter before the Treasury Department. He has been so recognized since the death of the late C. C. Hastings, that D. W. Glasie, of Washington, D. C., is no longer recognized, etc.

At the office of the Chief of the Supervising Architect of the Treasury Wednesday for mail-heating apparatus for the post-office and treasury at Boston, Mass., as follows: W. M. Norton Manufacturing Company, \$25,500; C. M. Smith Manufacturing Company, \$10,000; W. H. R. 0.230; Frederick Tudor, \$30,000. The contract will be awarded to the Waltham Manufacturing Company.

A circular has been issued by the Treasury Department announcing that 5 per cent bonds of large denominations may be transferred or exchanged into smaller bonds provided the assignor

Arnold Land, of New York, has notified the Interior Department of his intention to institute legal proceedings to prevent the further issuance of collateral trust bonds to the Union Pacific Railroad. Leo asserts that the issuance is illegal; and a little credit is attached to the statement, a brief review of the laws governing the issue of such bonds and securities of the company filed with the Treasury will show how being made to place the matter beyond doubt.

The annual report of Fourth Auditor Boards shows that the general tax-exempt on account of

The Navy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1882, was a little less than the aggregate appropriations made by Congress for that year. Some of the appropriations for the fiscal year 1882 were provided for at the last session of Congress. Two or three others remain for future consideration. Disbursements amounting over \$15,000,000 were made without loss.

Fred. R. Stanton, Sheelbarger & Wilson, and T. W. Bartley, as attorneys for The Abra Silverware Manufacturing Company, Wednesday morning made application to the supreme court of the District for a writ of mandamus to the collector of the District to pay to that company \$25,884.71, the com-

Secretary Folger has not yet been officially advised of any stringency in the New York money market. Assistant Treasurer Acton, who has been instructed to keep him advised of the state of the market, telegraphed to him Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, to the effect that commercial paper was selling at 95 per cent, and that the general market was the same on Tuesday. In a telegram to the Secretary Tuesday Mr. Acton said that he regarded the apparent stringency in the market as fictitious. Secretary Folger said

The Fourth Auditor in his report recommends that Congress is earnestly urged to make the necessary appropriations for the purchase of the new Orleans prize-money. The appropriation of \$100,000 in gross for the entertainment of the board of visitors at the Naval Academy is pronounced excessive, and the following bill of items is given as a basis for a reduction, it having been found that the last meeting of the board cost \$10,000, to wit:—\$1,000; \$3.17; glass, \$5.52; boxes, \$13.76; United States Navy stock-keeper, \$26.50; china, \$326.50; servants, \$1,000; cigars, \$10.00; wine, \$10.00; food, \$10.00; fuel, \$6.67; tin-ware, \$6.25; freight, \$1.38; washing, \$1.12; groceries, \$209.00; meats, \$207.50; fish, \$45.47; vegetables and fruit, \$22.10; ice-cream and cakes, \$10.00; and other articles, \$10.00. Total, \$2,199.00. The remainder of

Colonel Seaton, Superintendent of the Census, said Wednesday that the compendium will probably be ready about the 1st of December, and will contain a vast improvement upon the compendium of 1870. It will not only contain many more figures and tables, such as statistics of mortality, age, &c., than were contained in the latter, but will treat of a number of new subjects, and will altogether be better arranged and more accurate than any previous publication of the kind. He said that the Superintendent Seaton is to finish the work of compilation and preparation within the present calendar year of every volume of the 15,000 pages to be compiled; that on vital statistics may not be com-

finished on." The Superintendent then spoke of what he thought to be the unjust criticism of the General's report, and showed defects in the publication of the compendium. He said his idea and that of General Walker was to issue this work in two volumes—one in June and the other when the full reports should be completed. The Congress was getting out the complete work before the meeting of Congress. He undertook to do this, though with little hope of success, and would have, he said, more statistics than any other country. He said he had no more appropriations to ask for, said Superintendent Seaton in conclusion. "I mean to finish the work with the existing appropriation, and don't think I shall have any difficulty in so doing."

[The San is imposed upon. No Republican Senator has ever said any such thing. The words have been put into their mouths by enemies of the party. The story was told that General Burnside would not vote for Garfield, but when the caucus met, without solicitation or previous notice, he cast his ballot for the Republican ticket. When the caucus adjourned, he said to the Republicans, "I have voted for Garfield, but I am not a Republican."

Government Printing Office.

Death of Mr. William Towers.
Mr. William Towers, whose serious illness was noticed in Wednesday's REPUBLICAN, died this morning at 2:15 o'clock. He became unconscious during Wednesday, and continued so up to the time of his death. He died surrounded by his sons, William H. Towers, foreman of the REPUBLICAN composing room; W. Scott Towers, bookbinder in the business

Alabama Claims Court.
The Court of Commissioners of Alabama Claims at Wednesday's session heard arguments as to whether interest should be made a part of the judgment in claims of class 1, which embrace destruction of vessels and also as to the value which should be placed on scrap timbers. A majority of the court on the question of interest in the case of arguments upon these questions the court adjourned until Friday, when it is expected several important decisions will be rendered.

The Pollitic Situation in Colorado.
Speaking of the political situation in Colorado Secretary Teller said Wednesday: "There is no possibility of the legislature electing any Senator who is not a Republican. Of the seventy-five members we have fifty-three certainly, and the additional seats will be contested. The anti-monopoly issue did not enter into the campaign in Colorado, and only straight Republicans and Dem-